MA-RDP82-00457R007400**35006**6-5 Approved For Release 1999/09/2 CENTEUNTELLIGENCE AGENCY REPORT NO INFORMATION REPORT CD NO. COUNTRY Colombia DATE DISTR. 7 MAY 51 SUBJECT Communists and Leftist Groups Plan NO. OF PAGES 1. to Participate in Elections RETURN TO GIA 25X1A PLACE NO. OF ENCLS. ACQUIRE 5X1X DATE OF 25X1A SUPPLEMENT TO INFO. REPORT NO. 1. The Movimiento Popular, a Liberal group opposing the National Liberal Directorate, has announced its intention to participate in Colombian elections. This decision follows a convention held in Bogota on 17 March 1951, at which a new Junta for the Movimiento Popular was named. The new Junta is to be called the Direction Nacional Popular and is composed of: Luis Eduardo Gacharna Ruben Uribe Arcila Alfonso Romero Aguirre Dario Samper Benjamin Munoz Giraldo Carlos V. Rev Pedro Nel Jimenez Guillermo Umana Rocha Parmonio Zapata 2. A number of Communists and leftists attended the Bogota convention. The Communists are attempting to have Communists or Communist sympathizers selected as candidates for office by the minor leftist groups, in the hope that some of these candidates will be elected. The Movimiento Izquierdista Liberal, a leftist group recently formed by Guillermo Hernandez Rodriguez and Luis Vidales, has joined the Lovimiento Popular. It is expected that the Gaitanista Party of Carlos II. Pareja and the Labor Party of Jaime Quijano Caballero and Gonzalo Pradilla will eventually form a coalition with the other left-wing movements. 4. The newspaper Jornada, which has previously supported the Lovimiento Popular, now appears to be controlled by the National Liberal Directorate. Luis Eduardo Gacharna is reported as saying that Eduardo Santos, former President of Colombia, paid 100,000 peros to obtain control of the Jornada. Document No. _6_ No Change in Class. Declassified Class. Changed To: TS S (C) Auth.: KA 70-2 Date: _0_2_AUG_1978 PENTIAL SIFICATION X NAVY STATE NSRB